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SUBJECT: LENINGRAD STAFFING

REF: LENINGRAD 0246

1. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO PRESENT FOLLOWING "NON PAPER" TO SOVIET EMBASSY:

2. "THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS LEARNED THAT OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD IS EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING AND RETAINING QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES FROM THE LENINGRAD DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AGENCY. A RECENT SERIOUS PROBLEM DEVELOPED INVOLVING THE SUDDEN AND INEXPLICABLE DEPARTURE OF A VALUABLE SOVIET EMPLOYEE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS CALL INTO QUESTION ASSURANCES GIVEN BY SOVIET OFFICIALS THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO FACILITATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF SOVIET CITIZENS AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD IN WHATEVER NUMBERS SHOULD BE DESIRED. IN VIEW OF OUR RECENT UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE STAFFING OF THE LENINGRAD AND SAN FRANCISCO CONSULATES GENERAL, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISH-

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ES TO REGISTER ITS SURPRISE AND CONCERN ABOUT THE UNCOOPERA-

TIVE ATTITUDE OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN LENINGRAD
AND TO EXPRESS ITS HOPE THAT THIS SITUATION WILL BE COR-
RECTED"

3. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY CONVEY SAME MESSAGE
TO MFA. WHILE REINSTATEMENT OF LENINGRAD EMPLOYEE SEEMS
UNLIKELY, WE BELIEVE APPROACH WILL MAKE SOVIETS AWARE
THAT WE TAKE LENINGRAD PROBLEMS SERIOUSLY. MAW

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